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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION BY VENEZUELAN EMBASSY

1. THE CHARGE WAS CALLED JULY 10 BY VENEZUELAN EMBASSY, WHICH REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR A MEDICAL EVACUATION TO THE US ON US MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR VICE ADMIRAL JOSE CONSTANTINO SEIJAS VILLALOBOS, FORMER CHIEF OF THE VENEZUELAN NAVY AND NOW PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT SHIPYARDS. SEIJAS HAD A HEART ATTACK SEVERAL DAYS AGO WHILE ON A VISIT TO SPAIN AND IS NOW HOSPITALIZED IN CADIZ. ACCORDING TO THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY, HE IS AN ANNAPOLIS GRADUATE AND A CLASSMATE OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER.

2. VENEZUELAN EMBASSY HOPES TO ARRANGE FOR SEIJAS' OWN DOCTOR TO FLY TO SPAIN SO THAT HE COULD ACCOMPANY HIM DURING THE MEDICAL EVACUATION. THEY WISH TO HAVE THEM FLOWN SOMEWHERE IN THE HOUSTON, TEXAS AREA, WHERE SEIJAS WOULD BE ADMITTED TO A PRIVATE HOSPITAL. ACCORDING TO THE SPANISH DOCTOR NOW TREATING SEIJAS, HIS CONDITION HAS NOT YET STABILIZED TO THE POINT WHERE HE COULD BE TRANSPORTED, SO WE AS YET HAVE NO FIRM INDICATION ON WHEN MEDICAL  
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EVACUATION SERVICES MIGHT BE NEEDED.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH USAF AUTHORITIES HERE TO BEGIN PROCESS OF SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE US WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST SO THAT WE CAN FOREWARN THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY. WE HAVE CONSULTED THE DEPARTMENT'S A-9211 OF 17 DECEMBER 1974,

WHICH DEALS, HOWEVER, ONLY WITH REQUESTS FOR TREATMENT AT  
U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES, RATHER THAN FOR AIR EVACUATION  
ONLY. WHILE WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER WORD ON SEIJAS' CON-  
DITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT LOOKING INTO  
THIS MATTER AND ADVISING US OF THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY  
TO GAIN APPROVAL FOR THIS REQUEST. EATON

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